RESERVATION NEWS

By June Cook

Board of Directors Installed

Thursday the members elected for the Board of Directors for Affiliated Ute Citizens of the State of Utah were sworn into office by Superintendent, John O Crow Each one repeated the oath in accordance to the votes received

The first order of business was to elect a president, vice president and secretary among the Board, as provided in Art 2, Sec 3 Preston Allen received 3 votes and Elizabeth Bumgarner received 1 vote Mr Allen then took over office and presided throughout the meeting Since one member was not in attendance the motion to wait for the five members to be present before electing the vice president and secretary was passed and nominations ceased until the next meeting

Speed indian Claim

The House of Representatives approved and sent to the State Tuesday a bill designed to speed up Court of Claims action on the case of the Uintah and White River bands of Ute Indians in Utah. Rep. William A. Dawson (R-Utah) sponsored the measure. It would enable the Indians to retain mineral rights to 36,000 acres of their land the federal government acquired in 1905 as an addition to the Uintah National Forest. Mr. Dawson said this would clear the way for prompt settlement, since no serious differences were involved in the value of the surface rights.

Ute Confab Attend Conference In New Mexico

Those attending the Indian Tribal Judge's Conference in Santa Fe, N. M, June 7 and 8 were Dwight Copperfield, Tribal Judge, Harvey Natches, Appeal Judge, Charles J. Carter, Special Officer in Charge and Ouray McCook, Deputy Special Officer.

They left Ft. Duchesne Tuesday and returned Sunday.

The conference was held in the Federal Court room and the theme for the agenda was "Developing a better Community through Judicious Action." The governor, John Simms, gave the opening welcome and William B. Benge, Chief Special Officer, Washington, D. C., Bureau of Indian Affairs, spoke on the importance of an alert and active Tribal court in the improvement of the community, and gave a summary of the Conference. There was a full two-day agenda filled by prominent speakers. There were some important additional participants on the program who were outstanding officials in juvenile work.

A birthday party honored 3-year-old Becky Ann Devener Friday afternoon and was enjoyed by the following guests Janett and Lynett Timothy, Kenny and Mike Davis, Billy and Linda McClure, Larry and Pamela Kerr, Trudy and Wendell McClure, Larry and LeeAnn Richman, Gary and David Richman, Gary, Jeanne and John Winn. The children were entertained with favors and games after which a delicious dessert luncheon was served. Becky Ann received many nice gifts.

Misses Sonja Nelson and Brenda Murdock left Monday evening to spend a week visiting with JaNiece Nelson in Denver, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Kay Winn spent Saturday in Salt Lake City on business.

Visiting in Vernal during the past week have been Mrs. E. G. Evans and Mrs. Madge Kurtz of San Bernadino, Calif., at the home of their sister, Mrs. Mary Bennion. Mrs. Kurtz returned Friday and Mrs. Evans plans to leave Thursday (today.)